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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. 2018-21]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Vieques Air Link, Inc.

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 10 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2018-0207 using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nia Daniels, (202) 267-7626, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

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PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

Docket No.: FAA-2018-0207

Petitioner: Vieques Air Link, Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: 135.243(a)(1)

Description of Relief Sought: Vieques Air Link, Inc. (VAL) requests relief from 14 CFR 135.243(a)(1). This section requires a pilot serving as a pilot in command of a part 135 commuter operation to hold an airline transport pilot certificate. The petitioner proposes to permit a VAL pilot in command to hold a commercial pilot certificate with multiengine airplane and instrument ratings, minimally have 750 hours of flight time, and 100 hours of cross country time of which 25 hours must be at night. The petitioner proposes to limit the scheduled flights to visual flight rules, scheduled duration of 30 minutes or less and less than 50 nautical miles. VAL operates a small regional airline providing transportation between Puerto Rico's contiguous islands of Vieques and Culebra and the main island of Puerto Rico for critical services with limited other transportation options.

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